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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - MRS. LORENZ

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1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF MRS. MARIANNE LORENZ,
WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PETER LORENZ WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE BERLIN CDU.

2. MARIANNE LORENZ, A CATHOLIC, WAS BORN ON MARCH 25, 1925
NEAR ESSEN AS DAUGHTER OF A RAILROAD OFFICIAL. IN 1945, SHE
WAS A PRISONER OF THE RUSSIANS FOR 3 MONTHS IN THE HARZ
MOUNTAINS. AFTER HER RELEASE SHE CAME TO BERLIN AND FOUND
EMPLOYMENT WITH BERLIN'S OFFICE FOR FOOD ALLOCATION AND DIS-
BURSEMENT (ERNAEHRUNGSAMT). IT WAS THERE THAT SHE WAS DIS-
COVERED BY ANDREAS HERMES, CO-FOUNDER OF THE CDU BERLIN AND
IN THE SOVIET OCCUPIED ZONE, WHO TALKED HER INTO SETTING UP
A CDU BUSINESS OFFICE (GESCHAEFTSSTELLE) AT BERLIN-
SCHMARGENDORF IN 1945. THE OFFICE BECAME A MEETING PLACE FOR
POLITICALLY ACTIVE YOUNG PEOPLE, AMONG THEM PETER LORENZ AND
KLAUS SCHUETZ, WHO LATER ON BECAME GOVERNING MAYOR. IN
1948, THE LORENZES MARRIED. A YEAR LATER THEIR FIRST
SON CHRISTIAN WAS BORN. HE IS NOW ABOUT TO COMPLETE
HIS LAW STUDIES NOW. A SECOND SON, ANDREAS WAS BORN IN
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1957. HE IS STUDYING TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN. NEITHER
OF THE SONS ARE POLITICALLY ENGAGED, NOR DO THEY BELONG
TO A PARTY.

3. MRS. LORENZ IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC ATHLETE AND KEEPS
FIT WITH GYMNASTICS, VOLLEYBALL AND ATHLETICS. GEORGE

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